(c) the International standards in both the cases; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to reach to international standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The aircraft employees ratio in Air India and Indian Airlines is 386 and 288 employees per aircraft respectively.

(b) The employee/seat ratio in Air India is 1:361. The employee/ seat ratio in Indian Airlines including its subsidiaries Alliance Air, measured in terms of available Seat Kilometers works out to 1:852862.

(c) and (d) While the employee ratio in both the airlines are on the higher side compared to most of the other airlines, there is no specific international standard as such. Aircraft to employee/seat ratio varies from airline to airline depending on the nature and extent of function performed in house. Some of the measures taken by both the airlines to improve the situation are: (a) freeze on external recruitment in non-operational categories (b) abolition of vacant posts (c) re-deployment of persons from non-operational to operational area and (d) increase in capacity without concomitant increase in the number of employees.

Procedure for CPL

2218. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flying hours a pilot has to complete before getting a Commercial Pilot License (CPL);

(b) what is the international standard; and

(c) how it will tackle problem of shortage of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) For issuance of Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL), a pilot shall have a minimum of 200 hours of flying. This is as per the international standard prescribed by International Civl Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

(c) Shortage of pilots is a result of increase in demand for pilots due to increase in number of aircraft inducted in Civil Aviation Sector, while the qualifying requirements for getting a Commercial Pilot Licence are

based on the Civil Aviation Requirements ensuring safety in aircraft operation, irrespective of the demand for pilots.

Installation of ILS at Lengpuri Airport (Mizoram)

2219. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to install Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Lengpuri Airport, Mizoram so as to minimize frequent cancellation and regular delays of Kolkata-Aizawl-Kolkata flights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted feasibility survey for installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Lengpuri Airport recently. It was found that due to mountain terrain and hills in the approach path ILS installation is not feasible at. Lengpur Airport.

Expert Committee on Regulation of Nidhi Companies

2220. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister
of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up an expert committee to look into how nidhi companies can be better regulated to ensure protection to depositors;

(b) if so, the details of such committee;

(c) whether Government have received any interim report or full report from the Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government on the Committee report so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes Sir.